**CITY OF GUTHRIE**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 11, 2023, 7:00pm**

Present Absent

Council Members Linda Smith

Harry Green

Norma Williams

Russ Longhurst

Pam Turner

Chad Johnson

Mayor Covington called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours. There was a quorum present.

**Public Comments:**  Laquita Talley invited everyone to the new weekly prayer meeting. It occurs every Monday night 7pm at Longhurst Park.

**Reading Minutes:** The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on June 13, 2023. A motion to accept was made by Russ Longhurst and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously. The minutes were read by the City Council Members for the meeting on June 21, 2023. A motion to accept was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** The June 2023 financial reports were read by the City Council Members and approved as read. A motion to accept the report was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Report:** Chief Clinard gave the report and stated all is good.

**Utility Report:** Benn Stahl gave the report, and it is attached.

**Police Report:** Chief Blumel gave the report, and it is attached.

**Engineering Report-** None.

**Old Business:**

1. **South Guthrie Water-** Benn has agreement. Attorney Traughber will review and present at next meeting.
2. **Social Media Policy-** Table until next month

**New Business:**

1. **Google Lindsay Slack-** Lindsay is a representative of Google and presented google street view and how she feels it would benefit our growing city. The council would like to look into it more, so no decision was made.
2. **1st Reading Ordinance 2023-4 An Ordinance Amending Section 14 of the City of Guthrie, Kentucky, Sewer Use Ordinance-** first reading took place this night.
3. **Appointment of Laquita Talley to the Guthrie Tourism Committee-** This was tabled to review conflicts of interest.
4. **Policy Change to Include New Year’s Eve as a Holiday-** a motion to approve was made by Harry Green and seconded by Linda Smith. This motion carried unanimously.
5. **Open Records Policy Amendment-**this amendment removes the verbiage that a specific form is required. A motion to approve was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Harry Green. This motion carried unanimously.
6. **Code Enforcement for Inhabited Homes-** discussions were had regarding whether or not the city should file code violation liens again homes that are currently being lived in. It was approved for them to do so. A motion was made by Chad Johnson and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.
7. **Income from the Sale of State Street Lot-** we have a check for $18,785 that needs to be allocated to a certain expense line in the budget. It was decided to increase the Contingency line item to use for emergencies.
8. **1st Reading Ordinance 2023-5 An Ordinance Annexing to the City of Guthrie, Kentucky a 45.856 Acre Tract Lying Adjacent to the Present City Boundaries North of U.S. Highway 79 and South of Kentucky Highway 294-** first reading took place this night.
9. **Awarding of the Repaving Project-** a motion was made to accept the bid from Scotty’s Contracting and Stone, LLC for $56,508 by Harry Green and seconded by Chad Johnson. This motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session-KRS 61.810 *(c) Discussions of proposed pending litigation-*** a motion to enter executive session was made by Russ Longhurst at 20:11 and was seconded by Harry Green. A motion to exit executive session at 20:40 with no action taken was made by Harry Green and seconded by Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor’s FYI-** none

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 20:41 hours was made by Harry Green and seconded by

Russ Longhurst. This motion carried unanimously.

1 hours 41 minutes

Minutes by Alison Blumel, City Clerk James Covington, Mayor